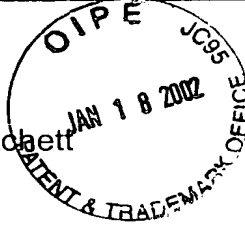


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Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This communication responds to the final Office Action mailed September 18, 2001 (Paper No. 13), for the above-captioned application. A response is due with a one (1) month extension of time on January 18, 2002. Accompanied herewith is a timely filed Request for Consideration (RCE) filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, along with the requisite fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). Accordingly, entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks that follow are requested. In consideration thereof, the Examiner is respectfully urged to withdraw all outstanding rejections and pass the Application to allowance. While Applicants believe that the correct payment for the extension of time fee is attached, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 08-1641.

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